

2022 Major Review of Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups (ASCRG) and Religious Affiliation Standard (RAS)

Survey Questions

1. What is your name?

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2. Please ensure that you include contact details in your submission. By providing this information, you agree that the ABS can contact you to ask any follow-up questions, if required.

a) What is your email address and contact phone number?

b) What is your organisation?

3. Which state or territory do you live in?

- ☐ ACT
- ☐ NSW
- ☐ NT
- ☐ QLD
- ☐ SA
- ☐ TAS
- ☐ VIC
- ☐ WA
- ☐ Outside Australia (please specify)

4. How did you find out about the 2022 review of ASCRG and RAS?

- ☐ Direct approach from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
- ☐ Direct approach from another government agency
- ☐ Found information on the ABS website
- ☐ Stakeholder network
- ☐ Personal networks
- ☐ Other (please specify)

5. What does your feedback relate to?

- o [Religious Affiliation Standard](#) (RAS; the way the question is asked in the Census of Population and Housing)
- o [ASCRG \(Classification\)](#)
- o Both

Your answers to the questions below will be used to inform the review and preparation for the 2026 Census.

6. The Census of Population and Housing asks a question about a person's religion, with the paper form shown below. In response, a person can either mark a check box on the pick list; or write their response in a text box (Other, please specify).

23 What is the person's religion? • Answering this question is OPTIONAL. • Examples of 'Other': LUTHERAN, SALVATION ARMY, JUDAISM, TAOISM, ATHEISM. • Mark one box, like this: ☐	☐ No religion ☐ Catholic ☐ Anglican (Church of England) ☐ Uniting Church ☐ Islam ☐ Buddhism ☐ Presbyterian ☐ Hinduism ☐ Greek Orthodox ☐ Baptist Other (please specify) <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>																																								

a) Does the way this Religious Affiliation question is asked impact you or your community?

If "yes", provide a description of why and how this impact occurs.

b) Do you have any other feedback on RAS?

7. Please list any religious groups that are not accurately represented in the [ASCRG](#).

In the ASCRG a religious group is the most detailed level of the classification and has a four-digit code.

For each religious group that is not accurately represented, please provide your suggestions for the following:

- a) Accurate title
 - b) Describe the religious group's beliefs and practices, and relationship to other religious groups.
 - c) Please include evidence to support the proposed change; for example surveys or data that indicate the number of people affiliated with the group.
8. Is there a group that is not currently identified as a Religious Group (the four digit level) in the ASCRG that should be identified separately? For example, is there a group within Buddhism (1011) or Hinduism (3011) that should be created as a separate Religious Group in the ASCRG?

For each group, please provide the following information:

- a) Describe the group's beliefs and practices, and relationship to other, similar groups.
 - b) Indicate the number of people that are affiliated with the group you are proposing should be separately identified. What is the source/basis for your estimate?
 - c) Outline how you currently classify this group using the existing classification
 - d) Would adding this group to a 'Not Elsewhere Classified' category in the classification meet the needs of this group? Why, why not?
 - e) Explain how the omission of this Religious Group as a separate category in ASCRG impacts the community ([link to the ASCRG webpage](#))
9. Do you use Census religious affiliation data?
- ☐ No
 - ☐ Yes
- If "Yes", please provide the following:
- a) Please describe how you/your organisation uses the religious affiliation data from the Census. For example, is the data used for any policy analysis, development or reporting purposes?
 - b) Do you have any concerns about the quality of data collected by RAS?
 - c) Do you find there are limitations when using the data?
 - d) Is there any additional analysis or reporting that you would like to do using Religious Affiliation data? Please provide a description.
10. Are there any other comments you would like to provide regarding this review? (Word limit 500)

If you have any questions about this consultation process, please email standards@abs.gov.au